


**Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 26, 2007 - 7:00pm CDT
Chrisney Youth & Community Center**

1. Minutes from February's meeting
2. Financial Report
 - ✓ Treasurer's report
3. Old Business
 - ✓ Oath of Office (Mike Roos)
 - ✓ Web site development
4. New Business
 - ✓ RULE 5 – (5)Evaluations, ()Complaints, ()Reviews
 - ✓ AWN Letter
 - ✓ Soil Scoop Sponsor Ad Rates
 - ✓ Election of Board officers
 - ✓ Affiliate Membership Letters
5. Staff & Partner Reports
 - ✓ Trish
 - ✓ Stephanie
 - ✓ Rita
 -  Conservation plans
6. Claims
7. Other Business

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February Meeting Minutes
Amended

The Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District met on February 26, 2007 at the Chrisney Youth & Community Center. The following Supervisors and Associates were present: Burke Sibrel, David Ayer, Mark Lubbehusen, Alan Waninger, Paul Giles, Brian Rahman, and Mike Roos. Also present were Rita Schaus with NRCS, Trish Dugas, District Director, Stephanie Litherland, District Program Administrator, Phil Schmidt with Purdue Extension, and Steve Trinkel, Farm Bureau board member.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Trish gave treasurer's report- \$16,625.56 - balance. Motion was made and seconded to approve balance as given. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to pay the following claims:

Business Equipment District:	\$ 50.75
Stephanie Litherland	\$ 33.32
Patricia Dugas	\$ 19.38
State Board of Accounts	\$248.00
Indiana Dept of Revenue	\$ 2.45
Landmark Newspaper	<u>\$428.00</u>
Total	\$781.90

Mark reminded Trish that the funds from the County need to be used up first, then pulled from other sources. Rent will be paid quarterly in March, June, September, and December starting in 2008. Phil stated that funds not used in a certain account can be transferred to another account - you won't lose the money requested in the budget that way. Budget needs to be monitored closely and funds transferred by December if need be. Phil reminded Trish that budgets are due in July. Mark stated that the rent rate needs to be decided before then.

Stephanie and Trish gave reports on what they learned/saw at the Annual Conference that was held in January.

Trish asked if the Board wanted two member's signatures on checks, or one member and Trish's signature. Mike asked if Trish was bonded. Trish stated she thought she was and will look at information she has at the office. Mark stated that the Board was bonded as a whole. Mark suggested that it be one Board member and Trish, that way she doesn't have to track down two members. Mark stated that the State Board of Accounts doesn't require two signatures, and the bank will cash check with just one.

Oath of Office was not given to Mike Roos as there were no elected officials present.

Trish stated that the IASWCD has offered to do web sites for Districts for \$115.00 a year. IASWCD would put the information on the web site each month. The information would include upcoming events and how to reach us. Paul suggested that possibly getting a link on the Access Spencer County website – could be cheaper. Mark stated that the web site needs to be easy to get to, as there are 92 counties. The Board asked Trish to get more information.

Trish reported that the comment cards from the Annual Meeting were very favorable. Trish asked for suggestions concerning next year's meeting. Steve Trinkel suggested former Indiana Governor Edgar Whitcomb who resides in Perry County as a speaker. Steve will get Trish contact information. The 4-H Center has already been reserved for next year. Names for the River Friendly Farmer for 2007 will need to be given to Steve, as Farm Bureau is involved with this. Mark stated that we should continue with the Annual Report each year – that is the best advertisement for the Soil and Water. Also to continue with the Soil Scoop. Mark also suggested that the outdoor sign should have our number on it.

Trish asked for input on the two field days that are required with the CWI grant. The board suggested having them combined into one. Trish will talk with Ken Eck to see if that is possible. Phil stated he would be willing to work with us on this, and to help with speakers. Possible suggestions for field days are wetland and no-till.

Steve suggested that Trish and Stephanie set up a booth for Spring Time on the Farm to be held March 13th at the 4-H Center. Motion was made and seconded to sign claim and give Trish & Stephanie \$50.00 for supplies.

Trish and Stephanie gave their monthly reports.

Rita presented Conservation Plans. Motion was made to approve the following plans: Jeff Vogel (waterway), JJ Detzer (waterway), and Paul Giles (quail).

Steve reported that at the Farm Show a company was selling carbon credits to benefit Spencer County residents. Trish to get with Betsy as she attended the show also, and has the information pertaining to this.

Mike stated that the regional technician meeting has been scheduled for March 8th at 6:30pm at Indiana 15 in Ferdinand. Mark stated he has a conflict with that day and won't be attending.

Phil stated that there will be an outlook meeting on April 3rd at 6:30pm at the courthouse on corn, soybeans, and hogs. Everyone is invited to attend.

Trish stated that she had talked with Erin Vaal with Farm Bureau and they would like for the SWCD to donate money or help with farm week. Steve suggested that we donate help. Mark asked Trish and Stephanie to help with this.

Trish stated that there is a grant available with the Spencer County Foundation for external fences, wildlife, and converting coal land into pasture land, and wanted to know if we could apply for this. Grant is actually through RC&D, and Betsy would have to write the grant. Trish to talk with Betsy.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Adjourned at 9:22pm.